

G. S. CHAPTER 160, ARTICLE 36

AN ACT PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR THE EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS IN MUNICIPALITIES HAVING A POPULATION OF LESS THAN 5,000 PERSONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

G. S. 160-453.1. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared as a matter of State Policy:

- (a) That sound urban development is essential to the continued economic development of North Carolina;
- (b) That municipalities are created to provide the governmental services essential for sound urban development and for the protection of health, safety and welfare in areas being intensively used for residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and government purposes or in areas undergoing such development;
- (c) That municipal boundaries should be extended, in accordance with legislative standards applicable throughout the State, to include such areas and to provide the high quality of governmental services needed therein for the public health, safety and welfare; and
- (d) That new urban development in and around municipalities having a population of less than 5,000 persons tends to be concentrated close to the municipal boundary rather than being scattered and dispersed as in the vicinity of larger municipalities, so that the legislative standards governing annexation by smaller municipalities can be simpler than those for large municipalities and still attain the objectives set forth in this Section;
- (e) That areas annexed to municipalities in accordance with such uniform legislative standards should receive the services provided by the annexing municipality as soon as possible following annexation.